THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The information desired would be quite difficult to collect from all over the country within a reasonable time.

(b) Guidelines exist for provision of telephone connections at Bombay, Calcutta Delhi and Madras within 15 days from the date of sanction and at other places within seven days of sanction.

Cracks in the ONGC Drilling Rig Sagar Samrat

*90. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission's drilling rig Sagar Samrat is suffering from nearly 50 catastrophic cracks;

(b) whether any enquiry has been ordered to fix the responsibility; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against the erring officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Import of drugs

*91. SHRI HAYATULLA ANSARI

SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULSULTAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both Drug importers and drug formulators have imported phenobaritone, Ibupro ven, Ephedrine Hcl, Trimenthoprim, Sulphamethoxazole, Furosemide, Prental Paomate Prednisolene, Pseudo Ephedrine, Dextrose anhydrous, Isopropy Antipyrin, Gentamycin Sulphate during the year 1984;

(b) if so, what is the total quantity of each drug imported and what is the average landed cost of each drug alongwith the names of the companies;

(c) what is the price fixed for each of the above mentioned drugs by Government and what cost is involved in different formulation;

(d) what is the difference between prices and how much unintended profit was made by each company on each drug;

(e) whether it is mandatory for drug importers to apply for price fixation giving complete break up under the DPCO, 1978; and

(f) if so, how many of the drug importers applied for the purpose indicating the names of bulk drugs and prices fixed in each case?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (d) The total import of the drug referfered to and their total c.i.f. import price along with the prices fixed by the Government under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order (DPCO 1979) are shown in the attached Statement. (See below) The landed cost depends upon the c.i.f. prices and customs duty prevalent from time to time. In fixing the prices of formulations, the price of the bulk drug notified by the Government plus incidental or the price of procurement whichever is lower have been allowed. Whenever instances of difference between the bulk drug price allowed in the forfulations and the actual procurement price come to the notice of the Government, action is initiated under para 7(2) of the DPCO. Such notices, under para 7(2), have been issued to some formulators of Gentamycin and one of them, M/s. Fulford India Limited have filed a writ Petition in the Delhi High Court. The Delhi High Court has granted a stay against the

further proceedings against the petitoner. The matter is listed for 30th *July, 1985.*

(e) Paragraph 6 of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 provided that every importer of bulk drug specified in Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 shall within 14 days of the import of such bulk drugs make an application to the Government in the prescribed form under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 for fixation of price. Only importers importing the bulk drug for sale are required to make such application. Actual users are not required to make such application

(f) Information to the extent available would be collected and placed on the Table of the House.

Statement

Import During 1983-84

Sl. No.	Name of the drug	Quantity Imported (in Kgs.)	C.I.F. Value (Rs. lakhs)	Indigenous price fixed (Rs./Kg.)
1	Phenobarbitone	17906	18.60	419.00
2	Ibuprofen	36909.73	125.27	828.25
3	Ephedrine Hcl.	36185	105.69	847.00
4	Trimethoprime	3959.2	18.22	892.00
5	Sulphamethoxazole	11206	27.02	392.00
6	Furosemide	1930	9.70	1426.15
7	Pyrental Paomate	16555	49.49	1250.00
8	Prednisolone	2487.5	228.32	17100.00
9	Pseudo Ephedrine	13982	59.24	814.57
10	Dextorse anyderous	437500	18.41	13.00
11	Isopropyl/Antipyrin	45736	41.60	280.00
12	Gentamycin Sulphate	653.85	30.71	23.50/gm.

Production of Epinphrine

*92 SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Epinphrine has been included in the list of 82 drugs delicensed;

(b) if so, what is the estimated requirement of this drug during 1985-86;

(c) what are the names of the companies which are marketing formulation; based on Epinphrine and the names of their products along with the sale turnover of each company in respect of these formulations;

(d) whether Government have fixed the prices of the formulations; and if so, the price fixed for each formulations;

(e) whether Eminphrine is produced indigenously, if so, what are the names of the producers what is the production of each during the last three years, year-wise and what is the price fixed per kg.; and

(f) whether Epinphrine is also imported if so, what is the quantity imported during the last three years, year-wise?